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- 1. Indonesian economy is at present in the grip of the first stage of Communist directed economic sabotage. If the Indonesian Government does not handle this matter with drastic firmness, the situation will probably result in the fall of the Cabinet and increased leftist strength throughout the Government.
- The general temper of the Cabinet has been one of collective indecision up to the time of the enactment on 13 February 1951 of the ban on strikes and lock-outs in vital industries. This regulation went into effect as of the date of its enactment. If this Government decree is not enforced. economic sabotage will continue to a point at which leftist parties will be in a good position to dominate the Government.
- Many elements in the various known Communist political parties as well as elements in the Angkatang Perang Republik Indonesia (APRI) and Police, have expressed keen disappointment at the Government's inability to deal effectively with such economic problems as the current rice situation, but little or no effort is made by these elements as a whole to remedy the situation

In general the labor picture is as follows:

- Orders to strike, allegedly issued by the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) in Peipirg in January, were sent through the Sentral Organisasie Puruh Seluruh Indonesia (SOBSI) delegation in Peiping via the Chinese Communist diplomatic pouch to Djakarta. Here they were delivered to Sunranoto and Niono of SOBSI in Djakarta and executed by Subardjo and Sunranoto, #
- In November and December 1950 the Partai Buruh Indonesia merged with the Partai Komunis Indonesia (PKI), giving the latter increased strength in Parliament.

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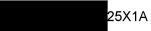
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6. Important groups currently striking or about to strike are:

Group	Factories Affected	Persons Involved	Strike Began	Strike to Begin
Indonesian Sugar Labor Union at Solo	5	13,000	21 January	
Bendung Textile Labor Union	220	22,000	2 February	
Indonesian Republik Plan- tation Labor Union, East Sumatra	238 (plantations)	40,000	6 February	
Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co , Bogor	1	1,100	28 January	•
Batik Worker's Union (organized by Mrs. Trimmrti)	12 (small)	few thousand		
United Command of Oil Labor Unions (KARM)				
lst group at production centers in Sumatra and Borneo				19 Februar
2nd group in event lst strike not satisfacorily solved				27 Februar
This strike will involve systems of Bataafsche Per Companies throughout Inde	troleum Maatsch	ution, insta appij (BPM)	llation and and American	shipping oil

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Companies throughout Indonesia

All-Indonesian Seafaring Labor Union (SPSI) against KPM

General Motors (now discussing demands with union)

Railway Workers Union Bandung (SBKI) (Ultimatum given under direction of the Indonesian Communists Singgih and Supardi)

Sarekat Buruh Perkebunan Republik Indonesia (SARBUPRI) and PERSATUAN BURUH PERKEBUNAN REPUBLIK INDONESIA (PERBUPRI) in Sumatra East Coast

23 February

200,000 (approx.)

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